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Belgium-Congo: Belgium has agreed to expand its military assistance program in the Congo.

Foreign Minister Spaak told Governor Harriman on 27 March that the Belgian Government would provide a \$2-million credit to the Congo for the procurement of arms and ammunition during the remainder of this year. He also said that Brussels would expedite the delivery of ammunition by both air and sea.

Spaak further stated that Belgian officers will help staff two newly created Congolese battalions and that these officers will remain on duty after the troops complete their training next September. In addition, Belgian air force personnel, who are vital to air reconnaissance and supply operations, are to remain in the Congo for another six months.

In the political sphere, Spaak indicated that Brussels would provide personnel and money for five or six administrative teams to help govern areas liberated from Congolese rebels.

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<u>Honduras</u>: Prospects for a peaceful restoration of representative government continue to fade.

Meanwhile, the large opposition Liberal Party has refused to reconsider its decision to boycott the assembly. It is also continuing to drift leftward as extremist party leaders, who are not averse to cooperation with the Communists, are gaining influence. In addition, Jorge Bueso, a moderate member of the party leadership, is

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